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IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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FOR: REMEDIES FOR SKIN ULCER :

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated March 21, 2003, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group II for further prosecution. In addition, Applicants elect, with traverse, the compound of Claim 6, [[(2R)-5-(carboxymethoxy)-2-hydroxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphth-2-yl]methyl]N,N-diphenylcarbamate, as a single disclosed species. Claims 1-2, 4, 6-8, 10 and 12 read on the elected species. Claims 1-2, 4, 7-8 and 10 are generic.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-2, 3, 6, 9 and 12, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition containing a compound of formula I;